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WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1958.



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as at 31st Decemebr, 1958.

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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Whaley Bridge Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1958. The report is compiled on similar lines to last year with slight alteration to comply with the Ministry of Health's suggestions. The figures forming the basis of the vital statistics are obtained from the Registrar General. I am indebted to my predecessor Dr. Cochran for the records for the first seven months and to Mr. McLane your Health Inspector for his report and for information supplied by him on the sanitary circumstances generally.

The general health of the District is good and examination of the vital statistics gives no cause for anxiety, although the death rate is fractionally above that for England and Wales. Infant Mortality rates based on small numbers are statistically of little significance and the rates and numbers of actual deaths have been included for comparison over the past five years, which clearly illustrates this fact.

Infectious disease notifications were minimal during the year and in particular no case of polio-myelitis occurred. Vaccination offers good protection against this disease and strenuous and sustained efforts to improve the vaccination state in the eligible groups of persons was undertaken.

No case of whooping cough was notified during the year. This is very gratifying and is no doubt in part due to the number of children who are vaccinated in early infancy, again offering a very good protection against this disease which is often an extremely serious matter in the younger child.

The chief occupations of the district are those of cotton weaving, bleaching, and calico printing, and whilst during a period some anxiety was felt with regard to employment, full employment was for the most part maintained. General living standards and housing standards in the district are good.

Water supplies throughout the district have been constant and adequate at all times of the year. Arrangements were concluded during the year for the whole of the Council's water undertaking to be transferred to Stockport Corporation as from the 1st April, 1959.

Some water samples taken during the year revealed intermittent liability to pollution and this was satisfactorily dealt with by the introduction of chlorination.

In conclusion I should like to express my sincere thanks to the Members of the Council for the kindness and consideration which they have shown to me during this my first year of office and to all the Officers and Staff of the Council for their unfailing support and cooperation.

(signed) F. D. F. STEEDE.

Medical Officer of Health.



# Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area of Whaley Bridge Urban District (in acres)	-	3,487.
Estimated population (mid 1958)	-	5,280.
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1958	-	1,918.
Rateable Value	-	£53,666.
Value of Penny Rate	-	£207.

## Vital Statistics.

		M.	F.
Live Births - Legitimate. . . . .	71.	38.	33.
Illegitimate. . . . .	2.	1.	1.
Total	73.	39.	34.
	=====	=====	=====
Live birth rate per 1,000 population . . . . .		13.8	
		M.	F.
Stillbirths - Legitimate. . . . .	2.	1.	1.
Illegitimate . . . . .	0.	0.	0.
Total	2.	1.	1.
	=====	=====	=====
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and still births .		26.6	
		M.	F.
Total live and still births . . . . .	75.	40.	35.
Deaths. . . . .	64.	33.	31.
Death Rate per 1,000 population . . . . .		12.1	
		M.	F.
Infant Deaths (under one year of age) Legitimate.	1.	0.	1.
Illegitimate	0.	0.	0.
Total	1.	0.	1.
	=====	=====	=====
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births . . .		13.7	
"          "          "          "          " legitimate live births		14.0	
"          "          "          "          " illegitimate "          "		=	
		M.	F.
Neonatal Deaths (first four weeks) Total	1.	0.	1.
"          mortality rate per 1,000 live births . .		13.7	
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births		2.7	
Maternal deaths (including abortion). . . . .		Nil.	
"          mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths		=	

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Infant Deaths	1	1	0	2	1
Infant Mortality Rate	14.1	16.9	=	37.7	13.7

Deaths from Malignant Neoplasm (all ages) . . . . .	9.
"          " Measles (all ages). . . . .	0.
"          " Whooping Cough (all ages) . . . . .	0.
"          " Diarrhoea (under 2 years) . . . . .	0.
"          " Respiratory Diseases. . . . .	6.

## Comparison with England and Wales.

	Per 1,000 Population		Per 1,000 Live births	Per 1,000 Total births
	Live births (adjusted)	Death Rate (adjusted)	Infantile Mortality	Still births
Whaley Bridge.	14.2	12.6	13.7	26.6
England & Wales	16.4	11.7	22.6	21.6

## Causes of death are classified as follows:-

	M.	F.	Total.
Tuberculosis	0.	0.	0.
Syphilitic Disease	0.	0.	0.
Diphtheria	0.	0.	0.
Whooping Cough	0.	0.	0.
Measles	0.	0.	0.
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0.	0.
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1.	1.	2.
"          "          Lung, Bronchus	0.	0.	0.
"          "          Breast	0.	1.	1.
"          "          Uterus	0.	1.	1.
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	3.	2.	5.
	4.	5.	9.



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	M.	F.	Total.
Brought forward	4.	5.	9.
Diabetes	0.	0.	0.
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	0.	0.	0.
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	9.	7.	16.
Coronary Disease, Angina	9.	5.	14.
Hypertension with Heart Disease	0.	0.	0.
Other Heart Disease	2.	6.	8.
Other Circulatory Disease	0.	1.	1.
Influenza	1.	0.	1.
Pneumonia	1.	1.	2.
Bronchitis	2.	1.	3.
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	0.	1.	1.
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	0.	0.	0.
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	0.	0.	0.
Nephritis and Nephrosis	0.	0.	0.
Hyperplasia of Prostrate	0.	0.	0.
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	0.	0.	0.
Congenital Malformations	0.	1.	1.
Other defined and Ill-defined diseases	2.	1.	3.
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1.	0.	1.
All other Accidents	1.	1.	2.
Suicide	1.	1.	2.
Total	33.	31.	64.
	=====		

#### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Inspections throughout the area under the various Acts appertaining to Public Health were regularly carried out and any appropriate action taken when necessary.

#### Water Supply.

Stockport Corporation were the water undertakers for an area of 314 acres at the northern part of Furness Vale. This area is supplied with water from the Stockport Corporation's Kinder Reservoir. The water supply for the remainder of the district was derived from springs the yields from which are collected into service reservoirs in various parts of the district, namely Diglee, Foxhome, Stoneheads, Taxal and Lochhead. The Council also took some water in bulk from the Stockport Corporation Goyt Reservoir through a connection from their 30" main at Horwich End. During the year under review the Council took 20,501,000 gallons of water from this source.

The number of houses supplied with water from the Council's mains was 1728 whilst 163 houses in the northern part of the district were supplied direct by Stockport Corporation from their 4" main from Kinder Reservoir.

All houses using the Council's water have a piped supply laid on to the premises.

#### Meat Inspection.

Slaughtering has been carried out within the area at three private slaughterhouses which were licenced by the Council. Post-Mortem inspections were carried out and details are here appended.

#### Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle Excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed	200.	=	5.	605.	68.	=
Number inspected	200.	=	5.	605.	68.	=

#### All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci

Whole carcases  
condemned

1.

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	Cattle Excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses..
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2.			8.		
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	1.5%			1.3%	1.4%	

#### Tuberculosis only:

Whole carcasses  
condemned

Carcases of which  
some part or organ  
was condemned

17.

Percentage of the  
number inspected  
affected with  
tuberculosis

8.5%

#### Cysticercosis

Carcases of which  
some part or organ  
was condemned

Carcases submitted  
to treatment by  
refrigeration

Generalised and  
totally condemned.

#### Housing.

At the end of 1958 the Council had 331 houses and bungalows. Of this number 216 houses and 14 bungalows had been erected during the post war years, whilst during the same period 51 private houses were built.

The number of applicants for council houses at the end of the year was 46, of whom 19 were resident outside the area. In addition there were 38 applications for aged person's bungalows.

#### Sewerage.

The sewerage is conveyed through the Council's sewers to the sewerage disposal works at Furness Vale, the treatment being carried out under the control of the Whaley Bridge Joint Sewerage Board.

The sewers have been maintained in good condition, cleansing, rodding and repairs being carried out when necessary. Practically the whole of the district is sewered, excepting Fernilee and Cadster Areas. Ten per cent (10%) test-baiting of sewer manholes in the district was again carried out to ascertain the extent of rat infestation, and only one area of minor infestation was noted. No extensions to sewers were carried out during the year.

#### Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The Council carried out the collection of refuse by direct labour with a modern refuse collection vehicle and a regular service was satisfactorily maintained.

The refuse was tipped on the Council's refuse tip at Fernilee. Some concern is felt at the condition of this tip, the difficulties being largely created by the trespass and indiscriminate tipping by unauthorised persons and the lack of suitable sealing materials.



It is hoped that steps may soon be taken to effect an improvement in the conditions at this tip.

Rag Flock Act.

There are no premises in the area where rag flock is manufactured, used or sold.

Clean Air Act.

The industrial undertakings in the area have taken steps to eliminate smoke nuisance as far as possible. No steps have been taken to apply the provisions of the Act to private dwellings but for a number of years past, all new Council properties have been provided with fireplaces capable of using smokeless fuel.

Infectious and Other Diseases.

Details of Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) are as follows:-

Notifiable Diseases.	Total	0	1	3	5	10	15	20	35	45	60	Hosp. Deaths.
	all ages.	1	3	5	10	15	20	35	45	60	Over.	
Smallpox	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (including paratyphoid)	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases generally notifiable.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	2.	-	-	-	2.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-myelitis	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases notifiable locally	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3.	-	-	-	2.	-	-	1.	-	-	-	-

Tuberculosis - New Cases and Mortality, 1958.

No new cases or deaths were notified during the year.

I have the honour to be,  
Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,  
F.D.F. STEEDE.  
Medical Officer of Health.



WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE  
DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December, 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
 Whaley Bridge Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report on the sanitary conditions and a brief summary of work done during the year ended 31st December, 1958.

Housing.

Number of houses in district at 31st December, 1957	-	1917.
New Houses erected during the year by :-		
(a) Local Authority	-	Nil.
(b) Private Enterprise	-	1.
		<u>1918.</u>
Number of houses demolished or closed during 1958	-	Nil.
Number of houses capable of occupation	-	<u>1918.</u>
Number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	-	101.
Number of dwellinghouses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation	-	25.
Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	-	Nil.
Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of action by local authority (formal or informal)	-	24.
Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	-	Nil.
Number of dwellings demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	-	Nil.
Number of dwellings in respect of which undertakings were accepted	-	Nil.
Number of premises in respect of which Closing Orders were made	-	Nil.

Closet Accommodation in the Area.

Houses with pail closet accommodation	-	26.
Houses with privy accommodation	-	7.
Houses with W.C. closet accommodation	-	1885.

Sanitary Inspections.

Number of inspections made under Public Health, Housing Acts, etc.	-	1403.
Defects or Nuisances:-		
Number discovered	-	334.
Number abated with or without Notice	-	327.
Number of Notices served:-		
Informal Notices	-	86.
Statutory Notices	-	6.
Legal Proceedings	-	Nil.





<u>Details of Inspections:-</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Nuisances abated.</u>
Defective Closet Accommodation	82.	27.
Defective Ashbins or Ashpits	33.	28.
Drainage Defects	165.	114.
Housing Repairs	340.	42.
Offensive Accumulations	11.	2.
Urinals	42.	=
Flooding of Cellars	14.	2.
Foul Condition of Houses	15.	1.
Animals improperly kept	17.	2.
Water Supply	164.	32.
Bakchouses	9.	=
Factories & Workshops	71.	3.
Shops & Food Premises	65.	1.
Rodent Control	181.	47.
Other Inspections	194.	33.

#### Drainage.

Number of houses in district connected to sewers	-	1742.
Number of houses in district not connected to sewers	-	176.
Number of connections made during year	-	1.

#### Food Inspection.

During the year the following foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered and condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

30 tins Peaches.	6 tins Condensed Milk.
8 " Grapefruit.	4 " Soup.
18 " Beans.	5 " Peas.
9 " Salmon.	2 " Cherries.
7 " Evaporated Milk.	6 " Oranges.
6 " Strawberries.	4 " Ham and Chicken.
3 " Ox Tongues.	7 " Fruit Salad.
3 " Corned Boef.	3 " Stewed Steak.
8 " Apricots.	14 lbs. 13 ozs. Cooked Ham.
16 " Tomatoes.	

#### Water Statistics.

Details of the Council's water service reservoirs used during the year are as follows:-

	<u>Storage.</u>	<u>Top Water Level.</u>
Leehead Reservoir	1,250,000 gallons.	865 ft. above O.D.
Taxal "	20,000 "	775 ft. " "
Diglee "	250,000 "	776 ft. " "
Foxhome "	100,000 "	892 ft. " "
Stoneheads "	200,000 "	905 ft. " "
Total	<u>1,820,000</u>	

#### Details of houses supplied with water by Council at 31st December, 1958.

		<u>Estimated population.</u>
Number of houses in district supplied with water from mains	1891.	5212.
Number of houses supplied with water from standpipes	Nil.	Nil.
Number of houses supplied with water from private sources	27.	68.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. McLANE.

Public Health Inspector.

